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GIGEDANO's "Base of Work"

A paper entitled "Base of Work" written by Marie K. GIGEDANO in fall of 1951 on his acceptance of work with DYGLAIM is hereby forwarded to you. The training program incorporated in this plan is the first written by GIGEDANO, and is greatly expanded in his later plans, forwarded as Attachment B to MEMO 08993 and Attachment A to MEMO 08099.

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BASE OF WORK.

A. General Situation.

Facts:

1. I have been recommended
 - a) by an Estonian personage who had a high rank and position in the independent Estonian Republic and who finds himself now, being in exile, authorized to deal on behalf of Estonian Republic,
 - b) for a special job which corresponds to my military education and my former activity, and which job is in close connection with the re-liberation of Estonia,
 - c) to the representatives of an Institution of the United States of America whom my recommender finds duly qualified for dealing with such work.
2. I have been assured from the side of my recommender that accepting this job I will be counted being in service of the Independent Estonian Republic.
3. The dispute over the authority to lead the affairs of the Estonian Government in Exile has not yet been settled between the leading Estonian politicians and the official representatives of the Republic living and working in the Western democratic world.
4. I am aware of the political accusations raised against the a/m recommending personage, as well as I am aware of his belonging to the Estonian Socialist Party. I have no definite proofs of his falsehood or of his having been in some contact with the communists, as can be read out of some Estonian exile newspapers.

Conclusion:

1. In view of the a/m facts, and willing to my soldier's duty, I have no reason not to follow this proposal to work for the benefit of my homeland, the independent Estonian Republic, together with the American authority to which I was recommended.
 2. Having got no Estonian superior here who could give me a corresponding order, I enter this job on my own responsibility, acting as an Estonian commissioned officer led by the high principles which were in vogue in the Estonian Army. I shall do this work under the protection as needed in general, and especially in view of the accusations mentioned under p.4 of the "facts".
- I am convinced that this enterprise has for its far aim, as far as connected with my work, the re-liberation of the Estonian Republic. I commit myself to the orders and regulations of this special Institution of the United States to which I have been recommended. Being so I hold it for my duty and right to draw the attention of my American superiors to the decisions, orders or treaty which, as to my best knowledge and understanding, are harmful or useless for our general aim.

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4. I shall continue to do this work so long this will be found necessary by the American authorities concerned, or so far I will not receive other orders from my Estonian responsible authorities (recognized Estonian Exile Government or the official representatives of the Independent Estonian Republic) who act in accordance with the higher American authorities.
5. I hope that the men whom I will have to lead and I myself, will be taken by the American authorities as selected anti-communist warriors of the Estonian Republic, which state still is recognized by the United States, and that we therefore will be treated accordingly.
6. I hope that I shall profit of the full trust of my American superiors and that I will be given enough facilities and means without which it will be impossible to lead this enterprise to some results and to the mutual satisfaction of both parties. I hope that all precaution and the best technical facilities will be used for obtaining the best results with the least casualties and hardship to the executors, so that this work will not harm the Estonian people instead of helping to its liberation, as aimed.

Entering this job I ask for the assurance that no information gained as a result of this undertaking, will be passed, neither directly nor indirectly, to the communists.

This request is based on, and influenced by the accusations raised in exile against some members of the Estonian underground movement of the time of World War 2, whose information, given in confidence to the Western Powers, were later found in the hands of the Russians and communists, and just used against the Estonians who were struggling for their lives and for the freedom against the same communists.

B. Aim of Work.

- 1) Collecting information about
 - a) the life in Estonia in general, and especially:
 - 1) the too active communist functionaries and their misdeeds (This information could be used successfully by the "voice")
 - 2) bigger general misdeeds or actions of the communist regime. (For possible hindering by quick branding by the voices or by some other ways)
 - 3) reliable persons still in Estonia who are able and willing to help the Western "eyes", and who could be pillars for an underground movement.
 - b) all kinds of military information
 - c) all kinds of industrial information
- 2) Stimulation or creation of an underground movement.

C. Checking of the Reliability and of the Fitness of the Aspirants.

Supposition: The aspirants have been duly checked before their departure from their present country of stay, as to their physical and moral fitness and anticommunist reliability.

Complementarily to this the following is advised:

- a) A detailed life history to be written in own handwriting by every aspirant. Nothing to be hidden! Different little true happenings, which are good memorized, to be related. This may be very important for the later work and for the cases when suspicions arise that a man has been grasped by the enemy and is working under pressure. Different questions may be put him then on the base of this detailed life history for checking of his actual status.
- b) An oath has to be taken that the aspirant will work for the independent Estonian Republic only and that he will hold no contact and will give no information outside of this institution.
- c) A hidden listening system to be installed in the living rooms of the aspirants. This is not proposed for some malicious spying, but for learning about the character of the aspirants and for finding out the worries they may get in course of their stay here, which worries or characteristical particularities may influence negatively the fitness of a man for the foreseen work or the safety of the enterprise.

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D. Training

Different subjects to be taught and practiced for obtaining :

a. Physical fitness

- 1) Sports and hygiene. The physical fitness of the men must be preserved and ameliorated. Life in rough climatical and in very primitive accommodation conditions, as near as possible to the real conditions of life in which they will have to do the work.
- 2) Self-defense.
- 3) Building and installation of subterranean hiding places.

b. Ability in seeing, hearing and reporting events and facts.

- 4) Development of attention and memory.
- 5) Composition of messages
- 6) Wireless
 - Theory and mechanics
 - Skill in reception and in work with the key
 - Practical traffic.
- 7) Codes and ciphers.

c. Applied knowledge.

- 8) Security precautions and masking
- 9) Russian language
- 10) Topography and orientation
- 11) Geography of Estonia and of the bordering countries
- 12) Mechanics, general-, motor-, and weapon-
-Driving Russian and American (which the Russians may still use)
-motor-vehicles
- 13) Use of Russian fire-arms
- 14) Recognition of Russian weapons
- 15) " " " uniforms and badges
- 16) Orientation over the life in Estonia and in Soviet Union,
to be obtained by systematic listening to the Soviet-Estonian and Russian broadcasts and by reading of the Soviet-Estonian and -Russian, as well as Estonian exile newspapers.

Remark 6 and 7. Information is needed from the Radio-Goniometric service concerning the characteristics of work of the Russian wireless-stations placed in Estonia or in the neighbourhood, as well as of those of the Red Navy in Baltic Sea near Estonia.

- a) which frequencies they use,
- b) which traffic codes they use, the international Q & Z codes and amateur-abbreviations, or Russian own abbreviations.
- c) how are their calls composed; are these fixed, every station bearing the same call all the time, or changeable; in which manner are these changed;
- d) description of their normal way of traffic
- e) do they use letters or numbers in coded messages, how are the single code-groups composed.